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**APPROVED (as corrected January 5, 2015)  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE  
MIDDLE- SNAKE-TAMARAC RIVERS WATERSHED DISTRICT  
HELD AT 453 NORTH MCKINLEY STREET, WARREN, MN  
4:00 P.M. DECEMBER 15, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by President Ben Kleinwachter. Managers Ben Kleinwachter, John W Nelson, Roger Hille and David Bakke were present. Managers Jim Jubie and Tom Neibauer were not present. Ron Sorvig, Nick Drees, Connie Kujawa, Tony Nordby, Danny Omdahl, Ron Adrian, Deb Rynda, Rolland Miller, Brandon Langaas and Ron Pape were also present.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that the agenda be approved, as amended, with the addition of correspondence from Ron Harnack; and the correspondence from Esther Township moved to Ditches. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Roger Hille, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that the minutes of the December 1, 2014 meeting be approved, as corrected. Motion unanimously carried.

Nate Dalager joined the meeting at approximately 4:05 p.m.

The financial report was reviewed and filed for audit purposes.

Manager Mr. Tom Neibauer joined the meeting at approximately 4:10 p.m., and Jeff Hane joined the meeting approximately 4:10 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Roger Hille, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that the following bills be paid: from the Administrative Funds that payroll checks numbered 5736 through 5751 inclusive for a total of \$15,618.05; that checks numbered 16409 through 16446, including the service charge and the general journal entry, for a total of \$25,277.06; from the Project funds that checks numbered 2442 through 2450 inclusive, for a total of \$79,342.00; from the RRWMB fund, check #165 for a total of \$162,021.47; and from the Ditch Funds that checks numbered 2802 through 2813 inclusive, for a total of \$20,001.78 be paid. Motion unanimously carried.

Correspondence from Esther Township regarding the inverted culvert on County Ditch #175 was distributed. They support the District, at ditch expense, relaying the 72" diagonal culvert that connects the north portion of County Ditch #175 with the south portion, however they are not interested in replacing the culvert or pay for costs associated with the culvert should it be damaged.

Motion by Mr. Roger Hille, seconded by Mr. John W Nelson that the following permits be tabled until Houston Engineering can provide some recommendations and direction:

1. Permit (14-165) of Brandon Langaas to remove an East/West township road centerline culvert, NW4 of section 5 westerly into NE4 of section 6, East Park Township.
2. Permit (14-166) of Brandon Langaas to remove a East/West 24" township road centerline culvert, NW4 of section 4 westerly into the NE4 of section 5 East Park Township.

Motion unanimously carried.

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Brandon Langass left the meeting at approximately 4:50 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Roger Hille, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that the following permit be denied since the culvert is sized appropriately.

3. Permit (14-167) of Ronald Pape to upsize a 24" culvert with a larger culvert, between the NW4 and NE4 of Section 10, Esther Township.

Motion unanimously carried.

Ron Pape left the meeting at approximately 4:58 p.m.

Danny Omdahl reported the following data practice requests have been received:

1. from Jim Stengrim requesting the recording of the Judicial Ditch #25-1 hearing held on December 1, 2014;
2. from Loren Zutz requesting the 2013 Board Meeting schedule of the Board of Managers;
3. from Jim Stengrim requesting the notes from the March 25, 2013 board meeting.

The Managers who attended the 2014 MAWD Convention, December 4<sup>th</sup> – December 6, 2014, in Alexandria, Minnesota, gave a brief report.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Roger Hille that the 2015 Meeting Schedule of the Board of Managers be adopted as follows:

<b>2015 Schedule of Regular Board Meetings</b>			
<b>Board of Managers</b>			
<b>Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers Watershed District</b>			
<b>Regular Monthly Meetings</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Comment</b>	
January 5, 2015	4:00 p.m.	1st Monday	
January 20, 2015	4:00 p.m.	<b>3rd Tuesday</b>	
February 2, 2015	4:00 p.m.	1st Monday	
February 17, 2015	4:00 p.m.	<b>3rd Tuesday</b>	
March 2, 2015	4:00 p.m.	1st Monday	
March 16, 2015	4:00 p.m.	3rd Monday	
April 6, 2015	4:00 p.m.	1st Monday	
April 20, 2015	4:00 p.m.	3rd Monday	
May 4, 2015	4:00 p.m.	1st Monday	
May 18, 2015	4:00 p.m.	3rd Monday	
June 1, 2015	4:00 p.m.	1st Monday	
June 15, 2015	4:00 p.m.	3rd Monday	

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July 6, 2015	4:00 p.m.	1st Monday	
July 20, 2015	4:00 p.m.	3rd Monday	
August 3, 2015	4:00 p.m.	1st Monday	
August 17, 2015	4:00 p.m.	3rd Monday	
September 8, 2015	4:00 p.m.	<b>2nd Tuesday</b>	
September 21, 2015	4:00 p.m.	3rd Monday	
October 5, 2015	4:00 p.m.	1st Monday	
October 19, 2015	4:00 p.m.	3rd Monday	
November 2, 2015	4:00 p.m.	1st Monday	
November 16, 2015	4:00 p.m.	3rd Monday	
December 7, 2015	4:00 p.m.	1st Monday	
December 21, 2015	4:00 p.m.	3rd Monday	
January 4, 2016	4:00 p.m.	1st Monday	
January 19, 2016	4:00 p.m.	<b>3rd Tuesday</b>	
NOTE: The First Meetings of the Month may be cancelled if there is a lack of			
District business.			

Jeff Hane was directed to review the verbiage to be used if a meeting needs to be cancelled due to inclement weather.

It was announced the next Red River Watershed Management Board is scheduled for December 16, 2014, at the Sand Hill Watershed District, in Fertile, Minnesota; and the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Joint Red River Watershed Management Board and Flood Damage Reduction Work Group Conference is scheduled for March 25 and March 26, at Moorhead, Minnesota.

The Project Coordinator report was reviewed and distributed. After review, the Board directed staff to research other options for farming the properties of the Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project.

Nick Drees stated he will be preparing a bill to the Agassiz Audubon Sanctuary for reimbursement of Heidi Hughes salary and other expenses and that Deb Rynda, Danny Omdahl and Ron Sorvig will be attending the public input meeting regarding the Minnesota Public Drainage Manual on December 16, 2014, at the UMC campus, in Crookston, Minnesota, at 3:00 p.m.

Motion by Mr. John W Nelson, seconded by Mr. Tom Neibauer that the following resolution be adopted:

IT IS RESOLVED that the Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers Watershed District enter into MN/DOT Agreement #06578 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

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To provide for payment by the State to the Watershed District of the State's share of the costs of a hydraulic analysis to be performed upon, along and adjacent to Trunk Highway #1 in the vicinity of Oslo, Minnesota.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Administrator is authorized to execute the Agreement.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Tom Neibauer, seconded by Mr. David Bakke that the District Administrator be authorized to sign the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement for Professional/Technical Services. Motion unanimously carried.

Nate Dalager left the meeting at approximately 5:58 p.m.

Jeff Hane gave a brief overview of the bench trial held, December 8 through December 11, 2014, regarding the Elseth et al vs Hille et al lawsuit. He also reported that a comprehensive document is being prepared, that will be recorded with the respective Counties, against all the lands required for the grass strip along Judicial Ditch #25-1.

Dan Omdahl distributed an article prepared by Heidi Hughes that appeared in the Explore Minnesota publication; and the Activity Report to the Red River Watershed Management Board submitted by Ron Harnack was also distributed.

The next regular meetings are scheduled for January 5, 2015 and January 20, 2015 at 4:00 p.m., at the District office.

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:08 p.m.

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Connie Kujawa  
Recording Secretary

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David Bakke  
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer